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CONSTRUCTION OF HIGH RISE BUILDINGS
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that the shocking incidents of air attacks across the United States have added an altogether new dimension to disaster management;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government are considering to seek the views of town planners in the light of the above incidents;

(d) if so, the details in this regard; and

(e) the other precautions being taken by the Government for the purpose, particularly in dealing with the multi-stories residential or commercial towers?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR URBAN DEVELOPMENT & POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATREYA)

(a)&(b): The air attacks across the United States have added new dimension to the disaster management as there i s growing awareness on the possibility of terrorist attacks and man made disasters against natural disasters. However, precaution of man made disasters also depends upon security measures to be followed by law enforcing agencies.

(c)to(e): Development Plans/Master Plans of towns and cities are prepared keeping in view all relevant aspects of development according to size and requirements. Accordingly, development control norms are framed and incorporated in the plans. Specifications a n d Codes of Practice formulated by B u r e a u of Indian Standards (BIS) adequately cover safety aspects for all types of structures/buildings including high-rise buildings against natural hazards like fire, cyclone, earthquake, flood as well as structural safety.

At present the precautions are contemplated against the natural hazards like earthquakes through the amendment of Building Bye-Laws. Provisions of structural safety of the buildings have been incorporated after amendment of Delhi Building Bye-Laws.